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STAFF NEWS

JANUARY 10, 1957



DESCENT

Have you ever fallen 15 feet into an excavation ditch - Eduardo Norte and his wife have. Imagine yourself driving serenly along a road when suddenly you enter a blind spot - not a light to be seen anywhere. Next thing you know the pavement reflections of the head-lights disappear and you plummet down. Wham! Bang! Oblivion.

Eduardo woke up in the hospital to find his jaw broken, cuts and bruises over much of his body, and his left leg broken twice. His wife miraculously escaped with minor injuries.

Ed waxes eloquently about the kind nurses whenever friends drop by his private room at St. Josephs Hospital in Santa Ana. St. Josephs Hospital is located on North Main St., in Santa Ana; the visiting hours are 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon - 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the evening. Eduardo has a long convalescence before him, perhaps five months, therefore stop by and say hello.

THE LIMBS HAVE IT

"Timber! Timber!" or is the correct call "headache! headache!". The trees of the Arboretum are in for some mighty fine haircuts and manicures. Bruce "legs" Hardy, who will be our new tree acrobat (tree trimmer), hails from Manchester, New Hampshire. When you hear "headache" sung out in a Bostonian accent - run for cover.

Harold "Marty" Martinez knows his onions, or is it trees. "Marty" has climbed rapidly up the ladder since he began his County career as a tree laborer. He had held the positions of tree laborer, tree trimmer, sub-foreman and tree sprayer; he has also qualified as a tree surgeon. "Marty" now brings his wide experience to the Arboretum as he fills the position of Arborist.

OVERHEARD ON TOURS

Young sprout pointing a finger at a coffee shrub in the jungle "What brand of coffee comes off that tree?" - Perhaps Folgers eh?

OVERHEARD ON TOURS - continued:

Questions ask in "Lucky's" bedroom include the following: "Which corner did he die in?" - "Where is the blood?" - "Is he buried under the floor?".

One young man had the formula for making adobe. He interrupted the guides description of adobe making with this interjection: "add some horse manure" which strangely enough has truth; the adhesive properties of manure helping to hold adobe bricks together.

As youngsters stand gazing at the Arboretum lagoon they have one inevitable question, and that is, "How deep is the lake?". This desire to fathom the unknown - the unseen seems to be a stimulating condition of youth - we all should put away a pinch of it.

MUCHO GRACIES

Dr. Stewart wishes to express his thanks to the ataff for the devotion and hard work that made 1956 such a remarkable success. Every one will be pleased to know that during the 12 months of 1956, 68,964 visitors walked through our turnstiles. This 1956 patronage topped the 1955 total by 21,957.

1957 promises to be an even more rewarding year at the Arboretum. Restoration of the "Lucky" Baldwin Coach Barn is expected to begin during 1957, and the fascinating archaeological research, being carried on about the Hugo Reid Adobe, will continue. Mr. Average Home Owner can anticipate a better acquaintence with garden landscaping during the coming year. Two model home demonstration gardens, to be established on the Arboretum grounds, will show the home gardener ways to use new plant materials.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

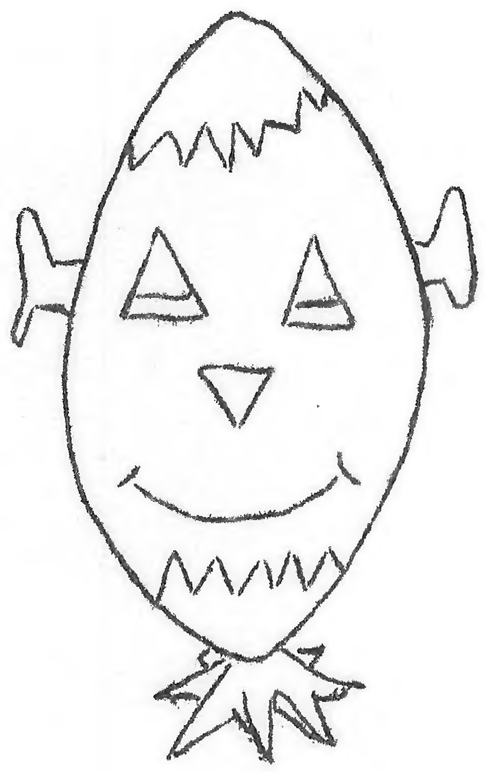
TO YOU, YOU, AND YOU.

Scribe - Ed Pugh

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STAFF NEWS

FEBRUARY 19, 1957



POTPOURRI

Welcome back, Sully! Nice to have you about again. Some of us have recently noticed a man treking through the vast wilderness of the Eucalypts. The gentleman is none other than our new taxonomist. The most sincere greetings to Dr. Straw, his wife; and their two children.

Two new guardians of the grounds have been added to our staff. Jerry (Used-Car) Marshman is known for his large reservoir of stories and his pearl-handled six-shooter. Adrian Carroll, a math major at L.A. State College is the driver of a sporty Austin Healy.

Greetings to Fernando Rameriz, Gorden Cheetum, Dan Bachcus, Elmer Sexton and Tom Parker - all new men whose lives will be dealt with in subsequent issues of your staff news.

A STEP BACK

Some of our many interesting visitors during the past month or so seem to have stepped out of the past of Rancho Santa Anita.

F. G. Walkinshow (rough translation) of Battle Creek, Mich., made the following comment: "I worked at the stallion stable (stud barns, just south of present site of Eatons restaurant) in 1903, and knew 'Lucky' Baldwin and Uncle Jack Baldwin."

Mrs. P. J. Clements, 745 Elmira St., Pasadena 6, is related by marriage to John Wolfskill. She recalls as follows: "I am 72; my mother was born on a ranch at 2nd and San Pedro and Los Angeles Street in Los Angeles. I was also born there - my grandmother was Mrs. Regina Weinshank."

LOU THE CIGAR PASSER

Wee Louise Ann (weight now 11 pounds) came to gladden the Louis Martin home on Dec. 5th. Lou and Betty have had one previous visit from Doc Stork; Lindsey is now 3½ years old. Papa Martin reports that Louise Ann is not only beautiful, but has an unlimited intelligence quota. He is now grooming her for Giant Step or the 64,000 dollar question. C. Van Doren, look out!

"OCTOPUS OR TREE "

Dr. Friedrich Welwitsch shielded his eyes from the blinding South West African sun with his sun-helmet and gasped in amazement. Sprawling on the parched sands in front of him were numerous weird objects. Each object seemed a monstrous spider or as the doctor expressed it, "a round table a foot high projecting over the sandy soil." Upon closer inspection Dr. Welwitsch found the objects to be strange plant survivors of very ancient stock.

The word relict can be correctly applied to these plant oddities. Dan Webster defines a relict as "a species or other group within a community representative of an earlier stage of development or of a different set of environmental conditions."

Welwitschia's "Table-like" central portion is the woody trunk, the leaves projecting from this center in the manner of certain lilies. The plant stops growing up as soon as its first leaves are produced; it then grown sideways, increasing until the circumference may measure as much as fourteen feet. The sheathed leaves grow large too, sometimes reaching six feet in length and nearly half as broad, ending in numerous ribbons.

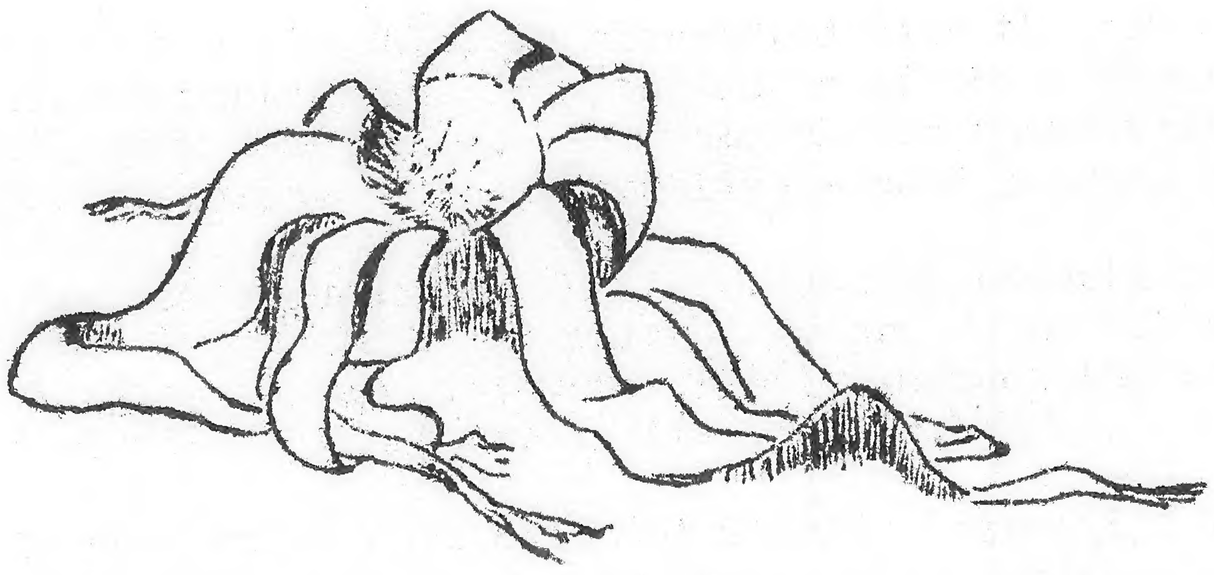
This odd tree, if it has kin folk, is classified with the naked seed plants (Gymnosperms). Its flower parts arise from the edges of the central woody portion and resemble small forked branches. The male plants bear staminate catkins; the females bear larger greenish-crimson, cone-like - seed bearing structures.

Welwitschia plants survive under the most adverse of conditions. The desert regions of Portuguese Southwest Africa in which they are found may go ten years without water. The plant must store its water supply in much the same manner as our California desert plants do, that is, in its tissues.

To be botanically correct we must call Welwitschia Bainesii a tree though in appearance it bears little resemblance to any tree. Few specimens of Welwitschia exist away from their native habitat. Canada was reported to have a living specimen a few years ago; Don Wooley reports that U.C.L.A. horticulturists grew a fine specimen only to have it destroyed by a careless youngster shortly after it was planted; a tree was growing at Kew, Royal Botanic Gardens from 1880-1917.

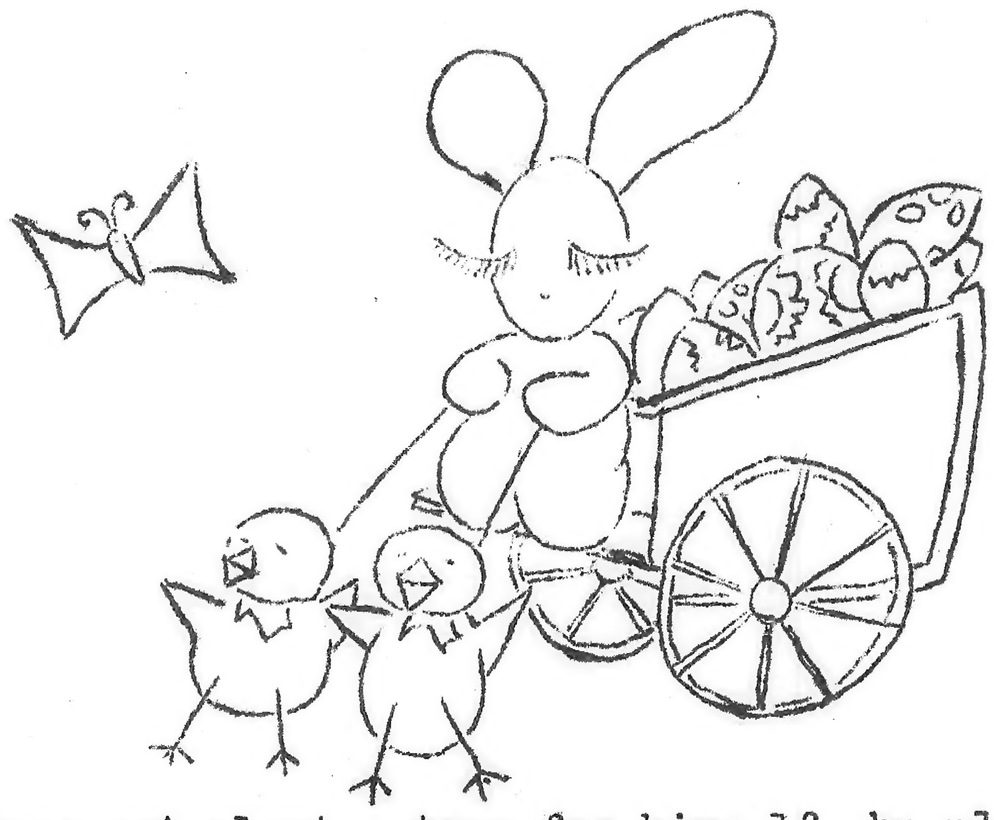
NOTE: Thanks to Al Bardelli for his contribution of a very interesting issue of Natural History. Elizabeth Rigby, "The Tree that isn't a tree," Natural History, June 1956, pp. 322-323.

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MARCH 21, 1957



'A man does not plant a tree for himself, he plants it for posterity'

March the 7th (seventh), Arbor Day, dawned bright and sparkling as if Mr. Weatherman had anticipated the ceremonies to be held at the Arboretum.

Director Hoar and his Drum and Bugle Corp from First Avenue School posted the colors and led the pledge of Allegiance with military precision. Eagle Scout Robert Dennis, his chest ablaze with merit badges, proceeded in his capacity of Master of Ceremonies, introducing in turn Eagle Scout Mike Thorpe, Troop 106, who spoke on 'A Scouts View of Conservation'; Mr. Edward Stickney, Chief Deputy for Supervisor J. Anson Ford, whose topic was 'Arbor Day in The County'; Mrs. William B. Shearer, Las Jardineras Garden Club who, at the last minute, was unable to come, was represented by Mrs. Bertholet, president of the District 12 of California Garden Clubs, Inc., who presented a magnolia to the Arboretum; Dr. Frits W. Went, president of the California Arboretum Foundation, who accepted the Garden Club's gift; Dr. William Stewart, who presented a plant to the Boy Scouts of America, San Gabriel Valley Council, who accepted the Arboretum's gift.

Scout Dennis, closed the meeting by leading those assembled in the singing of America the Beautiful.

'That Dreamless Sleep'

On the first day of March we were shocked to learn of the death of one of our newer employees, Elmer Sexton - Elmer passed away at the County Hospital

after suffering a severe heart attack. It is believed that he had experienced a silent form of heart attack several days previous to the final attack. This silent attack apparently blocked the aorta and the result was a bursting of the heart.

A heart-fund of 70 dollars was raised by the staff and sent to the Sexton Family. Funeral services were held at the Lee R. Hill Mortuary in Temple City.

Country Squire, Almost.

The Henry's have taken to the life of Country Squires, almost. Glendora four years ago was orange and lemon country and even today retains a touch of the rural despite the encroachment of subdivisions. Thelma and Lee are elated over their new compemporary home situated at the foot of the foothills in Glendora. The Henry lot, complete with two lemon trees, covers some sixteen hundred and fifty-seven square feet (1657) and the house features floor to ceiling dual fireplaces plus not only a winter room, but a summer room facing the mountains.

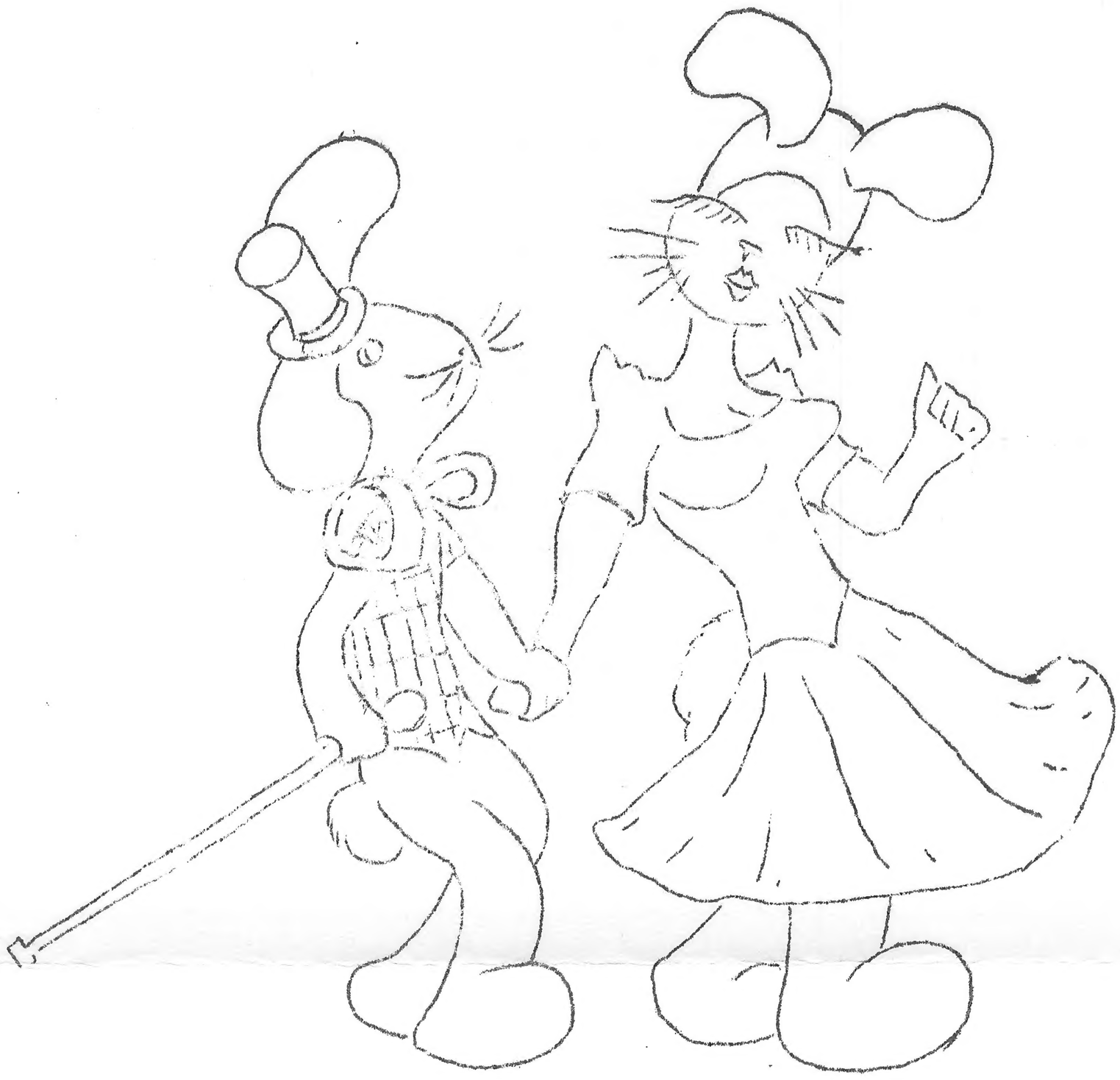
Apologies to Fernando Ramirez, Gordon Cheatham, and Dan Bockes.

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April 23, 1957

S T A F F N E W S



IN PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Sooner or later, a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul; that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back. He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses out.

He le arns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight. He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others. He learns that buck-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays. He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him. He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit. He learns that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning," even if it is raining.

He learns that "getting along" depends about ninety-eight per cent on his own behavior.

-----Anonymous.

From an article appearing in "High Gear", weekly publication of the Arcadia Rotary Club.

DIAMOND DON GRAF

Miss Margaret Reaves,of Pasadena, will soon become the bride of Diamond Don Graf. It looks like Margaret passed up several thousand Cal-Poly lads for Diamond Don. She is a native of San Luis Obispo, Home of Cal-Poly, and (believe me) a spot where gals are in the minority. When queried about the date of their auspicious occasion, Don pleaded the 5th Amendment. P.S. Does July 6th sound significant, Don?

BREAK OUT THOSE DANCING SHOES

If you are unmarried and want to meet that dream girl - take up Folk Dancing. Naturalist Denis Kucera met Lois Cooper at a Folk Dance and now is anticapating a trip to the altar sometime in June. Denis and Lois have a great deal in commn, both enjoy hiking, tennis, camping and wood working.

ME, TARZAN.

Loud Ohoo-eer echoed through the Arboretum Jungle on March 22nd,-for Tarzan had returned. A new series of Tarzan films are being planned with Alica Davis playing the part of Jane and Gordon Scot the part of Tarzan.

Youngsters on recent tours through the Jungle have gloried in being able to walk in the foot-prints of a huge pachyderm brought in for the filming.

TO SET OFF THE SPARK OF MEANINGFUL LIVING IN YOUTH GIVE THEM A PLANT TO NUTURE.

During the past few weeks many of the staff had the pleasure of chatting with Miss Frances Miner, delightful Educator from the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. Miss Miner impressed a ll of us with her insights into the problems of Plant Education for young folks. Her long experience as head of the Educational Section at the Brooklyn Gardens proved invaluable during confabs recently held between southern California Educators and Arboretum Officials who have been meeting to plan future enlargement of the Educational Program at the Arboretum.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden was started on a site completely barren but for two tulip trees and a number of natural rock formations (later included in an Oriental Garden) dating from the periods of Glaciation.

Today, Brooklyn Botanic Garden personnel successfully serve a tremendously congested area of city dwellers from fifty acres which front on busy Washington Avenue. During cherry blossom time visitors to the gardens see a world famous display of flowering cherries fivaling that seen at Washington, D.C.

A Cherry Blossum Show and a Study Course in Flowering Trees mark springtime, at the Brooklyn Gardens, as a festive time indeed. The cherries and the crab-apples and their differences are emphasized in a course, which is only one of a number of short courses offered for the period April - May.

Miss Miner's staff consists of five girls, each of whom have an assigned job in the hothouses to assure experience in propagation and nursery-practice.

Children taking courses at the Gardens pay a fee and then are presented with their own plot of ground plus tools to defelop it with. The very young boy or girl is given a definite schedule to abide by which includes the assignment of a crop. Older children have more perogative and may pick a crop that especially appeals to them. The child must carry his crop through the various phases of growth starting with the seed-flat, then the transfer into pots, the planting in the ground, and finally the reward of taking vegetables home to mom and dad. That these youngsters have considerable enthusiasm for their projects is proven by the fact that some individuals stay at the job for four years and many eventually enter the field of Horticulture.

Last week we reluctantly said goodbye to Miss Miner. We know she returned to a busy schedule for Spring arrives with a bang in the East creating a hundred and one jobs to accomplish.

Scribe: Ed Pugh

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JUNE 11, 1957



RACKETYCOON

I plant the bulbs
and shrubs and seeds
But Only God can plant
the weeds.
Anonymous-

Mama Coon had come to the important decision that Racketycoon and his two brothers must leave home. The boys thus came to enjoy their freedom, but became careless without the devoted guidance of mother.

Guard Gerry Marshman happened upon the three amusing clowns playing near the Jungle, and recognizing their educational value, brought them to the Gate-house. Two of the bandits were sent to the Los Angeles City Schools where they are now trailer dewllers. Los Angeles City School children will soon enjoy the fetching personality of the brothers as they romp in their cage aboard the Mobile Animal Display Trailer.

Racketycoon was now alone and he didn't overly care for solitude. One night he decided to break out -- and whether he used his human appearing hands to unlatch the cage door or was released accidentally remains an intriguing mystery.

STAFF REINFORCEMENTS

The Tally of Staff Members continues to go up - up - up. New Park-Maintenance-man-helpers are George H. Lewis, Norman Nicholson, Ruben Ramirez, Arthur D. Serazin and Harold E. Strehlow. Frank Perdomo Jr. has joined the Staff as tree trimmer and Ken Jones, recent U.C.L.A. Grad, assists in plant research work when not helping Dan Cassidy in the South African Section.

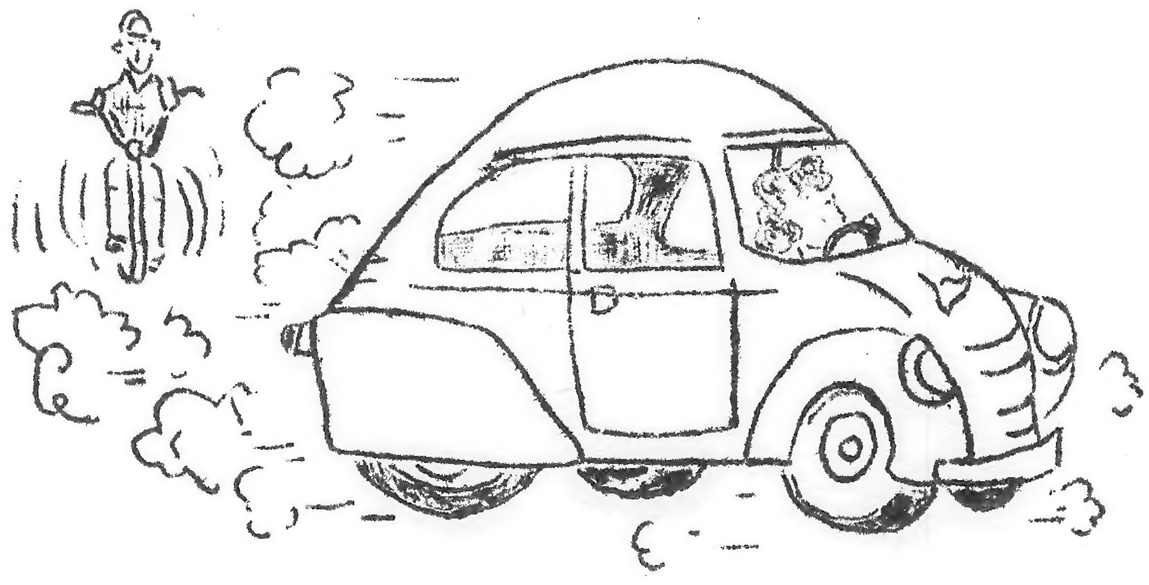
STAFF MEETING

Date: JUNE 24, 1957

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: Lecture Room

Program: Mr. Ernie Adler, Field Representative for the County Employees Association, will present the benefits the Association offers all County Departments.



THE BICYCLE and the 'MIGHTY MUD PIE'

Which would you choose for a European tour, a bicycle or a 'Mighty Mud Pie'?

Arboretum Information Section Personnel, girl friends, and wives gathered at Dr. Stewart's home recently for a delightful armchair trip through Europe.

Narrater Guide, Denis Kucera projected a group of two and a quarter slides culled from a collection of some 330 taken on his recent bicycling whirl through Europe. Dr. Stewart added to the evenings enjoyment with his showing of interesting slides taken while buzzing about England and the Continent in the 'Mighty Mud Pie' (Family bug-sized auto).

Archaic Towns, enchanted pastoral scenes, cragged and creviced mountains, passed before our eyes in dazzling profusion, transporting us to lands of fable and storybook. The serving of delectable refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Stewart, brought to close - a memorable evening.

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S T A F F N E W S

JULY 17, 1957

A New Hawk - no relation to the Foon who laid it's eggs on the moon or the Goofus bird which flies backward so it can see where it has been.

YOUNG SET MOVE IN TO PRINT

Congratulations to the staff of 'what shall we call it?' The preliminary issue of this Junior Paper was both informative and amusing. Mary Lee Stewart, Editor, and her able staff are to be highly commended on their lively sheet. The paper deals with youth activities at the Arboretum and is to be published monthly in ten issues (excepting August and Ja nuary); A Years subscription to the Journal costs one dollar. Subscriptions should be mailed to Miss Christine Parker, 1517 HHyland Avenue, Arcadia, California.

WE HAVE HEARD THAT -

Susan Powell is back in California - full time this time. She is working at Cal.Tech. in the capacity of secretary to a Plant Scientist.

Frank Perdomo (tree trimmer) brought one happy son home from the hospital the other day after the boy had undergone the double ordeal of having both adenoids and tonsils removed. Latest reports have Young Perdomo shoveling down Ice Cream in normal capacity.

N O T I C E

STAFF MEETING - August 2, 1957 - 3:00 P.M. - Lecture Room.
PROGRAM: Mr. Desautels, archaeologist from the University of Southern California, will give us a first hand report on the developments at the Huga Reid adobe, after the report the staff will take a tour to the adobe with Mr. Desautels and view the work being done by the archaeologists.

Dr. William S. Stewart,
Director.

UP IN SMOKE

Question: How much waste paper does the average family throw out a year?
Answer: Four Hundred pounds.

Some ears are tuned to catch the insects' songs;
And some hear only clack of human tongues! (Japanese)

TO: THE ARBORETUM STAFF

FROM: THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARTY FUND

The Social Committee met on Tuesday July 2nd to formulate ideas for the express purpose of representing the desires of the STAFF to become a more closely knit 'family'.

Your Social Committee members are:

'Dr.'Louis Martin	- EX-Officio (Lou or Louie)
Dan Martel	- Social Chairman
Dan Cassidy	- Ways & Means
Denis Kucera	-Secretary - Treasurer

After prolonged discussion, it was decided to collect the $3.00 dues by, at the most, July 26, payable $3.00 cash or $1.50 July 10th & $1.50 July 25th. This is imperative in order to be able to count on a sum to be used for the enjoyment of all. Bring dues to above members.

This sum of $3.00 each will be used for:

The Picnic
Christmas party Great plans here.
Birthday Cards
Weddings
Births & the inevitable

Just by "counting on your fingers", it will be noted that you will receive more in enjoyment from your small contribution than the total of your $3.00. The "Coke" machines recently installed will be a source of income that, it is anticipated, will cancel the need for dues next year.

This is your 'family' and the Social Committee urgently solicits <u>ideas</u> to make each social event as enjoyable as the STAFF participation in events. AND, this is where you come in, pitch in enthusiastidally with <u>your</u> ideas & activity and we will have a lot of fun.

You will be kept informed of all projects designed for your pleasure.

Dan Martel - Social Chairman

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WHOOPS
WHAT HAPPENED
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S T A F F N E W S

August 9, 1957

LOS DISTINGUIDOS COLUMN: by Dan Martell

This will mark the initial column under the above title from a happy idea by Bob Casa, genial tree topper assistant. It means "The Distinguished Ones", I think it is a very appropriate title. From time to time, I will interview members of the Headhouse unit and you will readily see that our Staff is in reality a very distinguished one.

Those of you whose eyes have been delighted by the Tropical and Orchid Window display, in the foyer of the Administration Building, would like to know the name of the display artist. He is best introduced by a quotation from Darwin, "Orchid Fertilization is a melodrama of ingenuity which transpires in a microcosm of exotic beauty". Our distinguished addition to the Staff, GLENN H. HIATT, has dedicated his life to beauty and has learned the innermost secrets of Orchid culture.

He comes to us with a remarkable background in Tropical plant and Orchid culture, having been Past President of the Pasadena Flower Show, Past President of the Orchid Society of Southern California, Gold medal winner for Orchid hybridization and has registered new names. He, also, as a pastime, attended USC & UCLA and took chemistry and Physics (for those who know, easy subjects).

Glenn envisions the Arboretum as the center for Tropical and Orchid culture in the not too distant future. In this semi-tropical climate he will be aided by a benign clime and enlightened administration.

A charming wife and two children fill our Glenn's life and to talk with him you will get to know a happy person, a dedicated one.

You might say of Glenn, "Do not worry about not holding high position; worry rather about playing your proper pole. Worry not that no one know of you; seek to be worth knowing". (Confucius). He is worth Knowing.

Congratulations are imminent for Ruben Ramirez. In spite of the verbose advice from his 'friends?' he is adamant in his determination to get married. Tell him the TRUTH 'friends'. "Women are strange and incomprehensible, a device invented by Providence to keep the wit of man well-sharpened by constant employment. Oh, yes, the happy day will be August 31st. Bon Voyage!

ARBORETUM PICNIC NEWS

After head scratchings and meetings of the Social Committee, plans have finally jelled for the eagerly awaited "Annual" Picnic. It well be held at the Voorhis Campus of Cal-Poly College (an important detail that your Social Chairman had omitted to state, at the last Staff meeting, due to the brilliant assemblage of co-workers and erudite guests).

Our staff artist and editor Ed Pugh has sketched a map so that there will be no question as to the routes to take; you take this turn, then that, 'You can't miss it' !

Provisions have been made for around ninety people so, there will be several activities going on at the same time.

A full program of athletics has been scheduled by athletic director, Harold 'Vic Tanny' Martinez. The 'I am sure?' hot baseball game will be supervised by George 'Baseball Encyclopedia' Lewis with equipment donated by Harold Strehlow, well known softball league umpire.

Of course, THE CHOW, (I left that for the last so that you would read the foregoing deathless prose). A full meal will be entirely furnished by a well known Covina Caterer.

MENU

Beef & Noodle en casserole
Tossed Green Salad a la ching-
with Thousand Island Dressing
Coffee-
French rolls & butter

Spiced peaches
Ice Cream Bars
Milk for the children
All utensils will be supplied

Doesn't that make your mouth water?

The idea for this picnic and subsequent get-togethers is to meet and further solidify friendships. Something that is not too possible due to the nature of our work and the fact that during working hours we are spread "All over the map". All the way from the Australian Section to the far reaches of Tallac Knoll.

It is the social committee's sincere wish that everyone have a happy time. Let's pitch in and make it so.

Dan Martel
Social Chairman

SERVICE UNIT COLUMN - Marty Martinez

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS - This time.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE COLUMN - Marge Wood

Three new arrivals have been delivered to members of our Staff since last News publication:

Mrs. Lee Turner has a brand new grandaughter - arrived July 30th.

Mrs. Thelma Henry has a brand new little Henry Ford Convertible-arrived July 29th or there abouts.

And may the best man win, Gerry Marshman is the proud grandfather of twin-grandaughters - arrived July 23rd - all parties involved are doing nicely.

Russ and Tom McGah have just completed a week's vacation and looked like they had enjoyed every moment of it - only murmuring (even as you and I) that it terminated too soon.

The office members are all breathlessly waiting for the demonstration gardens to be completed.

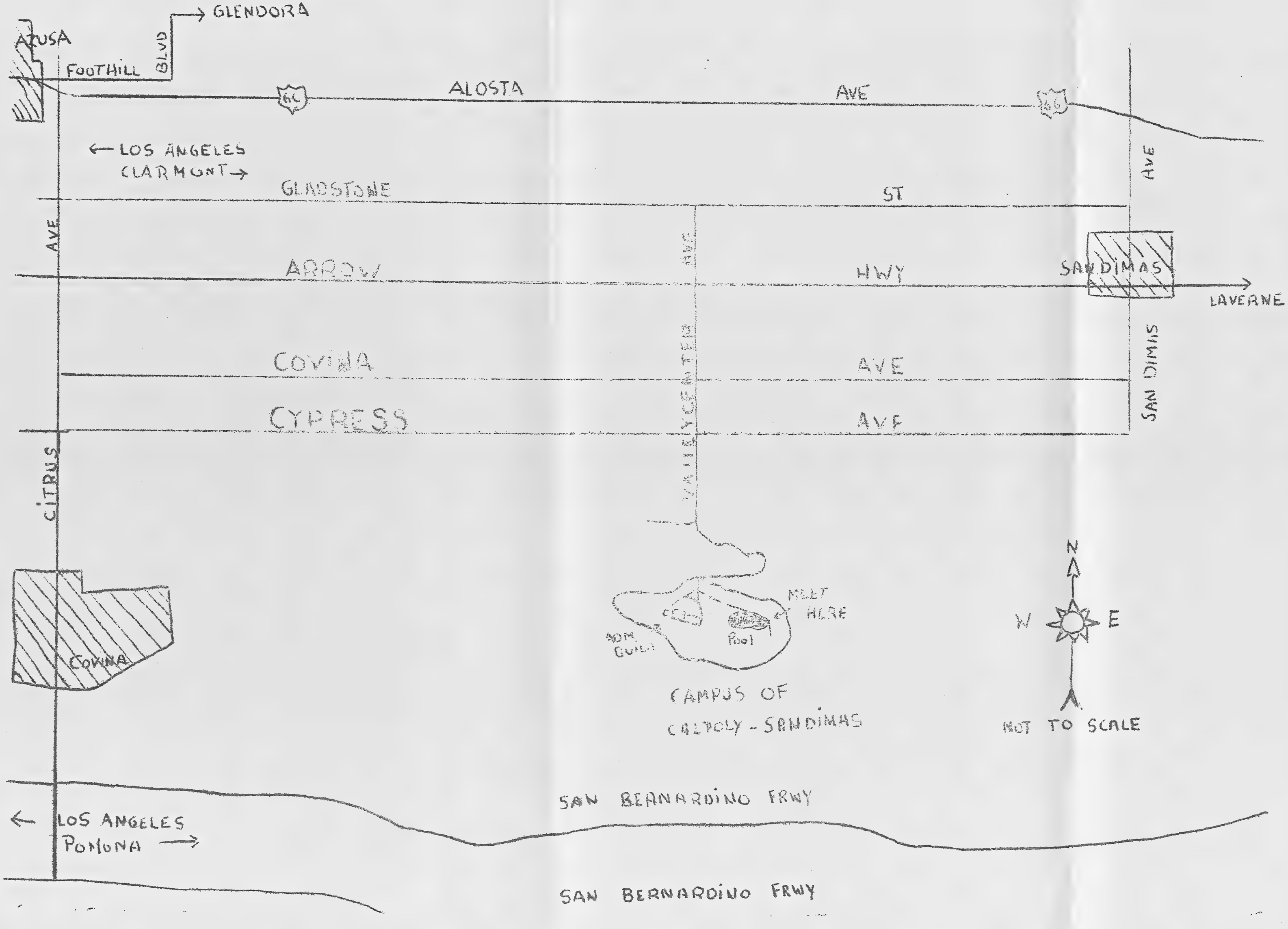
Bernice McKeen is anxiously anticipating a wonderful two weeks vacation in the Northwest.

All of us are happy to see Al Bardelli's smiling countenance back on the job after his vacation.

As a fitting a nd proper ending to this reporter's column, I fear I'll have to sign off (probably) as the Extinguidos Staff reporter - Marge Wood

Editor - Ed Pugh
Headhouse - Dan Martel
Service Building - Marty Martinez
Administration Building - Marge Wood

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STAFF NEWS

OCTOBER, 1957



LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan ~~Martel~~
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Are you having a party...worrying about what delectable meal to create to titilate the palate of your guests? Worry not, I have just the man for you, he has, "Temperament seasoned with eccentricity, a dash of the poet, and whimsey to taste" non other than, FRANCIS CHING. Were he to forsake his career as a premier plant research-man, he could equally make his mark as poet of the culinary arts. Those of you who have savored of his kitchen alchemy remember, with salivation, the elixers of life which he has concocted.

When I a pproached Francis for some details of his life, he gave his now famous laugh, and said, "You don't want to write about ME!" "Alright", I said, "you give me some details or, I'll--make up--a story about you". He shuddered at that, and then gave me enough material to write a book. Goes to show you what a little friendly persuasion will do.

Francis has traveled far and studied long in his quest for knowledge. He went to the University of Hawaii for three years (is a kamaaina - born and raised Hawaiian - which, accounts for his well rounded appearance - "The Princess Pupule" gave him, "plenty of papaya".) From Hawaii, he transferred to Michigan State U. where he majored in horticulture. His work and interests were of such high order that he was admitted to Alpha Zeta, National Honorary Scholastic Fraternity and recognized by Professor C. L. Hamner, outstanding Plant Physiologist, by being made his Research Assistant. On receiving his B.S. degree, he, with an admirable crusading spirit , he decided to help the Army out. His duties were those of medical bacteriologist and food chemist and succeeded to the extent that the Army wrote him a letter of appreciation for being able, where specialists had failed, to improve the poor condition of Turf grasses of the Army recreational areas. The Army was not too much of a challenge so, he went back to Michigan State for his Masters degree. Here it was, that Dr. Stewart, looking for a good man, discovered Francis. He is co-author of erudite papers on:

"Horticultural Research Notes on Gibberellic Acid"
"Air-Layering with Polyethylene Film"
"Effects of Gibberellic Sprays on Thompson Seedless Grapes" (This latter paper can be found in the current issue of LASCA LEAVES in our library)

Forthcoming papers will be on:
"The Effects of Gibberrellic Acid on the Germination of Seeds" (This will be found in "The Proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science).
"Vegetative Propagation of Eucalyptus" (Will appear in a future issue of LASCA LEAVES). Francis has succeeded in this latter project where, to our knowledge, others have failed.

One would think that with this creative research mind, Francis is a somewhat esoteric person, but, far from it, he is full of the "Joie de vivre", and is a good 'Mixer' spirit --ually and socially. "He anticipates the needs of his friends and helps out on his own intitative, which is appreciated, very much". (Marcella Juhren). He is an ardent photographer and during his stay here he has taken hundreds of pictures specializing in scenics and has displayed some outstanding examples.

Many of us have wondered at his degree of concentration and have seen the results of such cogitation as in the aforementioned papers on the results of his researches. "Such as are thy habitual thoughts, such also will be the character of thy mind; for the soul is dyed by the thoughts." Marcus Aurelius.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BENNY HAWTHORNE ---the other night, at Taxonomy Class, one of the students started to walk -- right through-- the sliding glass door and when he was brought to a screeching halt, he said, "My these glass doors are REALLY clean!"

BIEN VENUE TO: RUBEN RAMIREZ who, has been lately, consulting with St.Peter at the "Pearly Gates" and they have decided that St. Gabriel shall not, yet, "Blow his horn".

IS THIS TRUE? "Nothing puts a family in debt so much as a small raise in salary?"

ALSO CONTRATULATIONS TO: Those of you who have been lucky recipients of the gratuity of your fellow LASCANS. To us, the losers, better luck next time. If your team lost, maybe it was because:

They wanted to win more than we did."
"Our boys weren't 'up' for this one."
"Injuries to key players hurt us."
"They had a better bench."
"That one play was the turning point."
"Under the same circumstances I'd do it this way".
"IF."

The following report is of the'Bus-iness Off-ice' By-Marge Wood

Our Fair Lady of The Arboretum Foundation, Lee Turner is anxiously waiting for the dawn of October 21st, at which time a very deserving vacation will start for her and the Mr.

They both are to be Honored Alumni Guests of the University of Washington. When this appointment is finished, plans are being made to tour the University of Washington Arboretum. The time limit on this trip is very elastic, but if arrangements can be made they hope to visit the site of the new Knowland Arboretum being built in Oakland, California on their way home. Best of Vacations to you both.

The Staff is very happy about the news of Mrs. Spaldings speedy recovery from Surgery these past few weeks. Not to mention one doesn't generally go into surgery and come out the proud owner of a new Packard Bell T.V. at the crucial time of the Great World Series.

Mr. Woolley and wife have just returned after touring the "Our United States" (Western ones that is!)

So glad to hear that Mr. Walton's offspring survived the home accident he was a party in last week. Boys will be boys-poor Mom and Dad!

The reason only two reporter's are on the job this edition of the Staff News is that Marty Martinez, is so busy being manager of the Baseball Pool, that he has had no time to collect the latest happenings at the Service Unit. Just Wait'. Next month will be his---

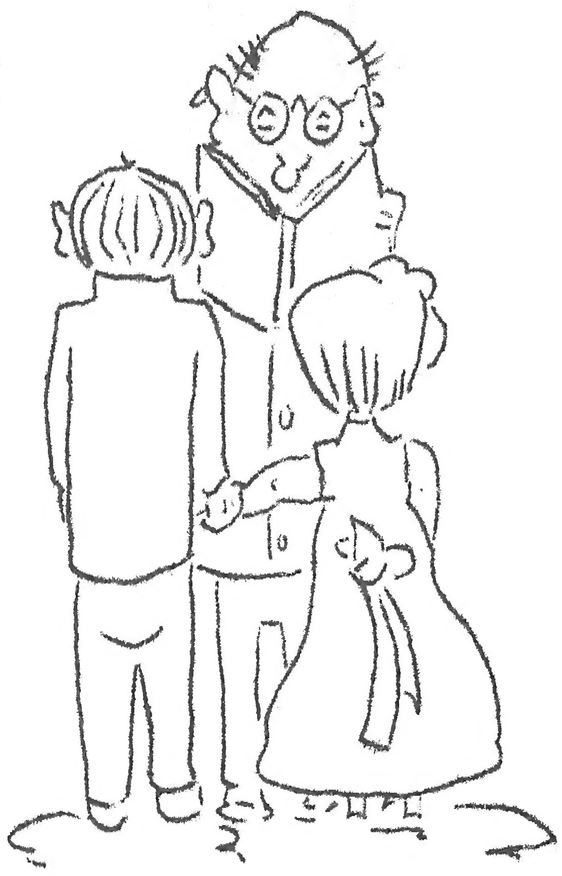
P.S. Guess what! I just won the Baseball Pool for the 6th game'. WOW!

Your Bus-iness Off-ice Reporter-

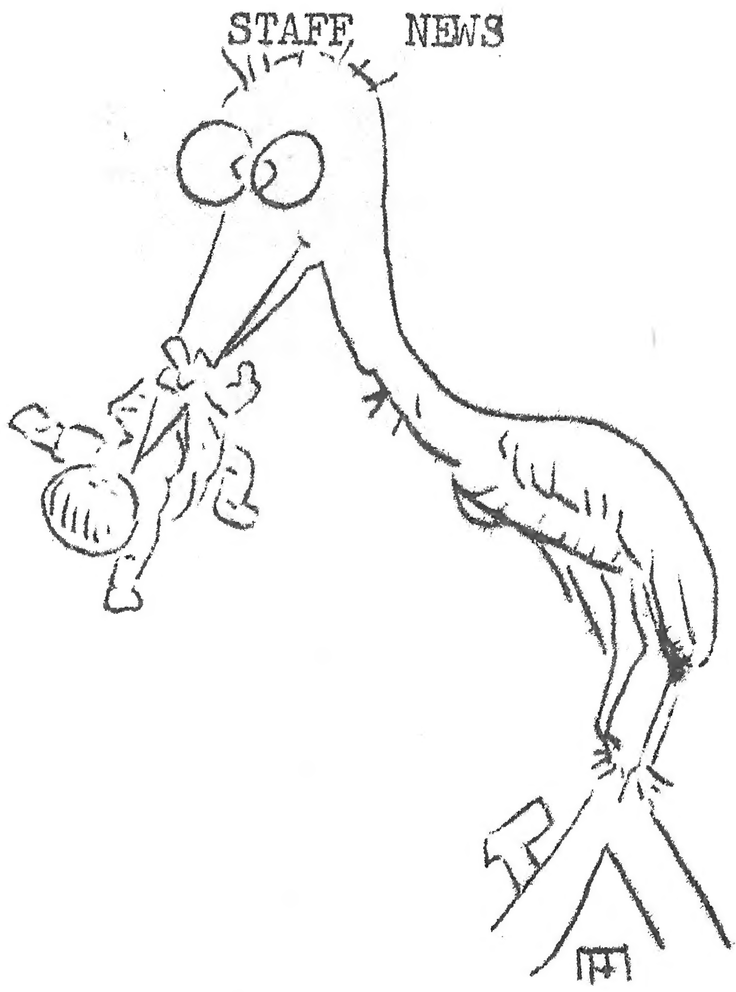
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STAFF NEWS





"ATTENTION"

STAFF MEETING - 3:00 P.M. in the lecture room on November 29, 1957.

REMINDER: Whenever any member moves or changes phone numbers, please notify the business office. This is necessary to keep our records accurate.

ALSO: Staff members wishing to order SEE'S XMAS CANDY this year are requested to see Marge Wood and place their order before the 29th of November.

And our Superintendent George Spalding is appearing on T.V. Saturday the 16th, at 10:00 A.M. on Channel 4. On the Norville Gillespie Show.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

EXTRA& CHRISTMAS PARTY - MONDAY, DEC 16 - 7:30 PM.

Know this, fellow LASCANS,... Your Social Committee has begun deliberations to try to give you a first class Christmas Party. Many ideas and suggestions are currently being diligently studied and we hope to arrive at a plan that will meet the approval of the majority. This is your party and we earnestly solicit ideas. We will have an extra fine party and some of the plans are elaborate but practical.

PARTY TO BE HELD AT RAND'S STEAK RANCH

JUST CURIOUS...Some-one conceived the brilliant idea of getting up a bowling party. Interested persons were for it, 'wha' hoppen?

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NEWS:

The staff welcomes back Mrs. Turner and Gerry Patten from their vacation & trip North. We also welcome the little new comer to the George Taylor household; A brand-new daughter - CONGRATULATIONS! Also, more CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the NEW In-Laws, Mother and Dad in the Day home. They have a new Son-in-Law!

Mrs. Spalding wishes to extend Thank You's to everyone on the staff for their many kind expressions of rememberance (flowers and gifts) during her recent illness. It is good to hear that she is once again ranked among those titled 'Robust and Muscular!'

The old adage "There is some little good with every little bad and/or visa-versa" now becomes a reality - quote from your County Confuscious - Miscelaneous Marge - Anyhow! Here comes the Bad News. The Arboretum is losing the invaluable ---

services of our "One and Only" Thelma!

Such news is disheartening to the Arboretum Staff but not so for Mrs. Thelma Henry; she is going to retire and be a Lady of Leisure.

There are not words available (at hand anyway) to express our deepest regret in losing Thelma and at the same time make known the deep regard we have for her. Best wishes for the future Thelma - please store the happy days spent at the Arboretum among your treasured memories.

Los Distinguidos
By - Dan Martel

The music had modulated down to a Soto Voce and, with an air of expectancy, the concert audience ceased its coughing and rustlings. A tall, debonair, Master of Ceremonies strode to the microphones and in an affable, mellifluous voice said, "The geometric tensions engendered by Latinized jazz can become, in the hands of its less tasteful practitioners, tortuously labored efforts apparently designed to drive men to indulgence in compulsive marathons with chiropractic consequences". e.g. "The Goofball's Guide to Euphemism and Slander".

The gentle man, with the euphonius voice, capable of handling public communications is JIM CAUFFIELD, Nurseryman extraordinaire. To support this contention, it is very interesting to note that Jim has recently been elected President of the Cal-Poly Ornamental Horticulture Alumni Association. He heads a group of prominent men in their respective fields as officers of the Association. His Vice-president is Superintendent of Grounds, Occidental College; Secretary, from Monrovia Nursery Co; and, the Treasurer, a Landscape Contractor. It is as head of this group of distinguished plantsmen that Jim is instrumental in maintaining liaison with different Statewide groups interested in the advancement of Horticulture and the beautification of cities.

As with his botanically erudite predecessors in thses series, Jim has a solid background with plants. He remembers that at an early age he was very interested in distinguishing the many diverse forms of the plant kingdom. All his work since has been along horticultural lines and he now possesses encyclopedic knowledgge of plants and their culture.

He recieved his Batchelor of Science Degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Cal-Poly. He is well known among Nurserymen for this knowledge and his willingness to aid friends in helping their plants achieve their optimum growth and beauty. Jim is recognized by having Nurserymen come from far and wide to consult with him on plant growth.

He is prominent as a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, Sierra Club (Conservation section) and the National Parks Association. He even makes his vacations of a botanical nature, bringing back and collecting specimens, hiking throughout the West and attending botanical conventions. His recent va - cation was mostly spent in convention at Casadero, California.

A thesis, which should be more widely read, was written by Jim for his candidacy as a Batchelor of Science. It is appropriately titled, "The Objectives of an Arboretum". It contains many suggestions that might prove of value to Arboretums in general. "With the increased concentration of population in large cities--the Arboretum-- has a valuable task to perform--by helping the uprooted city dweller regain healthful relationships with nature". "The leaders in public welfare--realize--how much of the prevailing restlessness, discontent, and unhappiness are due to the ever-widening gap between man and nature". "Misorientation of man in nature--is at the root of more evils of city life than can be enumerated here." "Change, reorientation, can be effected only by <u>systematic education</u>; and this education must be so simple and its means so attractive and pleasurable that the public will learn without realizing that it is being taught".

Editor - Ed Pugh
Headhouse- Dan Martel

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- STAFF NEWS - Dec. 13, 1957



Remember that the Date of Monday, Dec. 16 is an important one. A stupendous, scintillating spectacle has been planned with the assistance of Mike Todd.

All kidding aside we are going to enjoy a well planned Christmas party Dec. 16 at 7:30 P.M. and we hope everyone will come. The party is to be held at Rands' Steak Ranch, 721 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

There can only be one item that is of LASCA interest, at this writing, THE PARTY! All the insurmountable problems have been overcome; all the "reluctant dragons" have been brought into the fold and we are ready to go full steam ahead. Eighty-eight persons will be united in the spirit of conviviality. We shall see you at 7:30 P.M. December 16 at RAND'S, Baldwin and Huntington Drive.

HEADHOUSE NEWS

FRANCIS CHING, genial Assistant Plant Specialist will wing to Hawaii Nei this coming Friday. My thoughts go out to my second home, the Paradise of the Pacific, since I have recently had visitors from there. Besides seeing his family, whom he hasn't seen for two and one half years, he will visit his old stamping grounds, and maybe, a wahine or two, some Luaus, Hookilaus, Hula, Skin Diving, swimming at the Natatorium, and, need I mention this?—botanizing. When he comes back, (who wants to come back?) he will delight our orbs with his outstanding photographic compositions.

JIM CAUFFIELD and his able assistant NORMAN NICHOLSON have recently completed the Fall Cleaning and the Lathhouse is in symmetrical and showroom fresh appearance. He is ready to do battle with JACK FROST and has acquired a quantity of new orchard heaters.

After a great deal of research, observation, and propagation, QUINN BUCK, with the concurrence of Dr. Stewart, has released and made available to the Nurseries and the public, the beautiful BLUE DAISY, Felicia amelloides 'SANTA ANITA'. This is a definite addition to the beauty of our gardens and will soon find wide acceptance and distribution.

GEORGE LEWIS, has completed his course in Advanced Taxonomy and Dr. Enari reports that he did extremely well with his plant subjects. Extra curricular activity, learning more about our complex subject, interests GEORGE SPALDING.

A distinguished man who has quietly been working periodically at the Headhouse is Mr. ROSS H. GAST, a world renowned specialist with Hibiscus. He has planted, at Lux Arboretum, large quantities of rooted Hibiscus hybrid seedlings. And, we expect LASCA to be enriched with his creations.

Last Friday, I had the honor and privilege of acting as "Jeeves" for Mr. ERIC WALTHER, recently retired Director of Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. I was informed that he might be taciturn, but after some preliminary mental adjustments we found our conversations covering a wide spectrum of subjects, history, literature, music, plants, plants, plants.

Question: Where are two (presumably loaded) wallets lost somewhere on Tallac Knoll?

A Studio Caper
Don Woolley

At 9:30 A.M., November 11th, 1957 Jack Stumbo, Ross Goodrich, Bud Hallberg, George Taylor, Norman Aronson, Tom Parker, Harold Strehlow, Harold McCandless, and I entered 20th Century Fox Film Studios, Santa Monica Gate.

First points of interest visited were the very neatly kept nursery and the greenhouses where many common plants excellent for color shots were pointed out. In rapid succession we toured the Landscape department where trees are treated and put together, some real, some fake; permanent plantings of huge specimens of cocculus, podocarpus plus a large "blue" camellia growing under the writers' building and Jean Negulesco's office.

We saw the moat with its seascape backdrop 350' by 90' high; walked thru the streets of Louisiana --New York in 1900 --New York today--New England Village with a gun on the common; meandered thru Ghostown Gulch (the most photographed street in the studio); saw jungles old and new-- one being currently used for "South Pacific"; viewed the castle of "Prince Valiant" and outdoor sets used in "The King and I."

On to the Will Rogers Memorial sound stage went our entourage where the use of plants in dressing inside sets for both exterior and interior shots of the island and hospital of "South Pacific" was observed. Mr. Larry Dyer, our host, then escorted us into an outdoor set for a take of Orson Welles before a large barn--as part of a picture set in Louisiana.

The most unusual feeling encountered on the tour occurred during a visit to a forgotten set for a Gable picture --we felt not the least bit cold while standing near pines on a hillside covered with snow.

Dean Martin was greeted as he came to work and later the Arboretum boys stood silently as the U.C.L.A. Band played taps and the National Anthem.

After a very heart-felt thank you to our host, we split up-- four of us going on to tour the U.C.L.A. Botanic Garden and to the Bel Air Hotel to see the giant Chorisia (90'), now in almost complete bloom--a wonderful sight to remember. A fine day was well spent.

LET'S GET ASSOCIATED

Let's all go to a ball! Join your fellow County employees for dinner and dancing on Friday, the 24th of January. The place is the Hollywood Palladium, 6215 Sunset Boulevard. Festivities begin with a social hour at 6:00 P.M. followed by dinner at 6:45 P.M. and subsequent dancing to Jerry Gray's superb music. A high point of the evening will be the crowning of the most beautiful County employee scheduled for 10:30 P.M.

Fun is the password for this informal annual event and the cost is low. The charge for both dinner and dancing (including tax and tip is $4.00 per person.

Act now, obtain your tickets to this gala dance from your new Association Delegate, Don Graf. Don is available, punch in hand, at the Gazebouse.

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